

DIY AVATAR

Design an avatar who infiltrates video games where sexism, sexual harassment or other discriminations are present.

- 1 Choose a video game which you think reinforces gender stereotypes, or other inequalities and discriminations (e.g. racism, homophobia, ableism, poverty etc.)
- 2 Design an avatar or avatar tribe whose mission it is to address these issues.
What would they be called?
Would they have a motto?
Where would they live?
Would they have special powers?
- 3 See if you can bring your avatar/s to life (e.g. through animation, film, dance, drama, e-zine)

Before you begin adapting this activity for the children and young people in your setting, read the section on **Safety and Support**.

#Gamergate was the hashtag used to refer to the controversy around an anonymous harassment twitter campaign that targeted several women in the video game industry.

Anita Sarkeesian, director of **Feminist Frequency**, was attacked online for launching a **YouTube series on sexism and the sexual objectification of women in video games**.

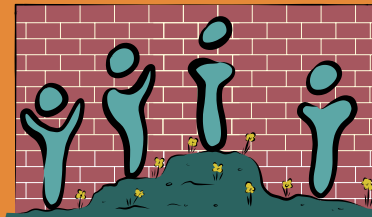


STAYING SAFE WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING GAMES ONLINE

Childline has lots of tips on **how to keep your online gaming safe and fun**:

- Games are meant to be fun
- Block players who harass you
- Not everyone will be friendly
- Keep your personal information safe
- What to do if you're feeling threatened

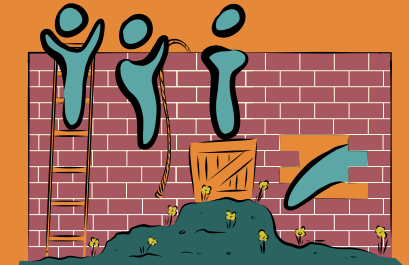
What's the difference between equity and equality?



Injustice



Equality



Equity



Project Ada is a website that covers all sorts of interesting news features, facts and interviews about girls, women and gender equality in technology. Why Ada? because nineteenth-century mathematician Ada Lovelace, was one of the world's first computer programmers. **@ProjectAda_**

Feminist Frequency is a not-for-profit educational organization that analyses modern media's relationship to societal issues such as gender, race, and sexuality. Their site includes videos to encourage viewers to critically engage with mass media.

www.shescoding.org is a project with **resources and links** to organisations for anyone who wants to learn to code or help bridge the gender gap in the field of computer science.